Friendship Role Play

Materials:
Use a puppet, 2 stuffed animals, or 2 adults to role play the following script. Adapt the names to fit your role play.

For 3 to 4 year olds (Preschool)
Adult: Good morning, everyone. I brought my good friend _____ with me today.
Puppet: Hello everybody! What are we doing today?
Adult: Today we are going to talk about making friends.
Puppet: Friends! I love to make friends.
Adult: How do you make a friend?
Puppet: When I see someone, I can walk up, smile, and say hello.
Adult: Hi! What is your name?
Puppet: My name is _____. What is yours?
Adult: My name is _____.
Puppet: What are you doing? Can I play with you?
Adult: Yes, let's play!

For 4 to 5 year olds (TK)
Adult: Good morning, everyone. I brought my good friend _____ with me today.
Puppet: Hello everybody! What are we doing today?
Adult: Today we are going to talk about making friends and how to ask someone to play.
Puppet: I like to ask friends to play.
Adult: How do you ask someone to play?
Puppet: When I see someone, I can walk up, smile, and say "Hello, my name is _____. Do you want to play?
Adult: Yes, I'd like to play with you. But _____, sometimes when someone asks you to play, you might need to say "no". How do you say "no" in a kind way? Let's try.
Puppet: Hi, my name is _____. Would you like to play?
Adult: No thank you. I can't play right now because I'm leaving, but thank you for asking. Maybe we can play another time.
Puppet: You said "no", but you did it in a kind way so it didn't hurt my feelings!

After you model the role play:
- Divide the students into partners. Assign roles.
- Have them face their partner and do the role play together.
- Say one line and have students repeat it to their partner.